

Week 3:

Dealing with Lies & Liars

Titus

Questions

1. Have you ever experienced someone using words to manipulate, discourage, or confuse you? How did that experience affect you?
2. When you confront someone about hurtful behavior, how can you seek their restoration while also protecting the people from being harmed?
3. Read Titus 1:11. When you need to address a difficult situation, are you more likely to avoid the conversation, react in frustration, or approach it with prayer and grace? Why?
4. Paul connects correction with becoming sound in faith. Why is being willing to receive correction important for spiritual growth?
5. Paul warns about people who claim to know God but deny Him through their actions. Why is it important for our behavior to support what we say we believe?
6. How can you distinguish between forgiving someone, restoring a relationship, and allowing harmful behavior to continue? Why are these not always the same thing?

Scripture References

Titus 1:10 NIV

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group.

Titus 1:11 NIV

¹¹ They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

Titus 1:12 NIV

¹² One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."^[a]

Titus 1:13-14 NIV

¹³ This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith ¹⁴ and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the merely human commands of those who reject the truth.

Titus 1:15 NIV

¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

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Titus 1:16 NIV

¹⁶ They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Takeaways

- What's the issue facing the church?
 - Lies cause people to drift when they're believed and do damage when they're exposed.
- How should the spiritual leaders address these hurtful people?
 - Godly ways to silence the lies:
 - Shut off the platform
 - Speak the truth in love
 - Live a Godly life
- What's the ultimate goal in confronting tough people?
 - The ultimate goal in the confrontation is salvation or restoration of the liars – and protection of those affected by the lies.